



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation and temperatures across most of Colorado were above average, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 4.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	24	66	8
Last Week	2	24	68	6
Last Year	7	27	56	10

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	30	60	5
Last Week	3	34	58	5
Last Year	13	36	42	9

Small Grains: The winter wheat crop progressed to 98 percent seeded and 83 percent emerged by the end of the week, 10 percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Sorghum progressed to 30 percent harvested, slightly behind the average. Corn was 43 percent harvested this week, 3 points behind the 5-year average. Sunflowers, reported at 45 percent harvested, are 13 points behind the average. Dry bean harvest increased to 88 percent complete, one point behind the 5-year average, while sugarbeets were 77 percent harvested, 20 percentage points ahead of the average.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 25, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	12	22	51	13
Last Year	4	11	33	28	24
Sorghum					
This Week	1	2	19	65	13
Last Year	11	27	34	24	4

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in good condition for the week. The alfalfa crop was rated in mostly good condition with fourth cutting 48 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 19 percentage points.

Livestock: Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition. Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated average, while stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 25, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	3	13	30	45	9
Prev. Year – 2008	8	24	38	25	5
5-Year Avg.	7	19	40	30	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 25, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	98	95	100	100
Emerged	83	74	94	93
Corn				
Mature	95	90	99	99
Harvested	43	34	59	46
Corn Silage				
Harvested	99	96	99	99
Sorghum				
Mature	90	80	98	91
Harvested	30	25	46	36
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	97	94	99	98
Dry Onions				
Harvested	99	96	99	99
Dry Beans				
Harvested	88	81	88	89
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	77	63	57	57
Sunflowers				
Harvested	45	37	60	58
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	96	93	100	100
4 th Cutting	48	40	64	67

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	4	22	52	22
Winter Wheat	0	4	22	50	24
Sunflowers	2	3	24	51	20
Livestock	0	2	15	71	12

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.